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MINUTES OF ORGANIZATION MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MAY 4, 1935

The organization meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club was held at the club room, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco, California, at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, May 4, 1935. Present: Directors Adams, Bernays, Clark, Colby, Dawson, Farquhar, Hildebrand, Huber, McDuffie, Parsons, Price, Robinson, Tappaan. Absent: Directors Badè and LeConte. Samuel Merrill, F. C. Youngberg and Frank H. Lewis, chairmen of the Southern California, San Francisco Bay, and Loma Prieta chapters, respectively, were also present. Mr. Farquhar called the meeting to order.

The report of the Judges of Election was thereupon read announcing that the following were elected on April 13, 1935, directors of the Sierra Club for the ensuing year: Ansel Adams, William Frederic Badè, Phil S. Bernays, Lewis F. Clark, William E. Colby, Ernest Dawson, Francis P. Farquhar, Joel H. Hildebrand, Walter L. Huber, Joseph N. LeConte, Duncan McDuffie, Marion R. Parsons, Robert M. Price, Bestor Robinson, Francis D. Tappaan.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Ernest Dawson, president; Walter L. Huber, vice-president; William E. Colby, secretary; Francis P. Farquhar, treasurer. Duncan McDuffie was re-elected the fifth member of the Executive Committee. Joseph N. LeConte was unanimously re-elected honorary president. The following were re-elected honorary vice-presidents: Robert Underwood Johnson, Vernon L. Kellogg, J. Horace McFarland, John C. Merriam, Robert G. Sproul, Ray Lyman Wilbur.

Doctor Badè's expedition to Palestine and Professor LeConte's work at the University of California prevented their attending the meeting. They were both excused. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, held December 8, 1934, were approved as published in the December SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN.

A motion was passed authorizing the officers to execute and file with the bank the necessary resolutions authorizing the newly elected officers to handle the Club's funds.

The following Outing Committee was approved by the Board: William E. Colby (chairman), Francis D. Tappaan (manager), Ansel Adams. The following committee chairmen were approved by the Board, the members of their committees to be selected later and approved by the Executive Committee: Editorial Board, Francis P. Farquhar; Lodge Committee, Lewis F. Clark.

A motion was passed that the special committees be appointed by the President later, subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee.

Mr. Huber's report as treasurer for the year 1934 was approved as published in the February, 1935 SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN. The Board ratified the action of the treasurer in making certain changes in connection with the investment of the Permanent Fund.

Mr. Colby reported on plans for the 1935 Sierra Club Outing. The suggestion was made that an outing of a week be planned some year for the "old-timers."

Mr. Clark made a general report and called attention to the extensive use of the various Club lodges and specifically the use of the Clair Tappaan Lodge during its first season. He stated that plans were under way for financing the completion of the architectural finish of the walls and roof of the latter lodge this summer. The Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee was authorized to make such additions to the Lodge as it might deem advisable or necessary, without obligation on the part of the Sierra Club.

Mr. Robinson, chairman of the Winter Sports Committee, reported the desirability of winter trail development in the Sierra, such trails to be adequately marked both as to distance and direction to next

marker; and the need for huts situated on such trails six or seven miles apart for use by cross-country skiers. The following resolution was thereupon adopted:

Resolved, by the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club, that the following projects are hereby endorsed:

(a) The planning by the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service in collaboration with interested organizations, of a connected system of ski trails in the snow regions of the Sierra Nevada, based upon well considered standards of marking, clearing, and shelter erection.

(b) The construction by the United States Forest Service, during the summer and fall of 1935, of a crest trail between the Placerville and Auburn highways, as recommended by the report of the Winter Sports Committee of the Sierra Club dated March 28, 1935, together with connecting ski trails to each important skiing center in the area involved.

Further resolved, that the reasons for this endorsement are:

(a) Cross-country skiing in the Sierra Nevada is already a fact, and its continued increase a certainty. Such skiing can be made safe only by the construction of well marked trails and the erection of necessary shelters.

(b) At the present time the higher regions of the Sierra Nevada are open to public recreation and enjoyment for any substantial number of persons for a period of but four months in each year. The recreational possibilities of these mountain regions should be made available in safety during the other eight months.

(c) The conditions of both terrain and climate above the Sierra Nevada timber belt are highly favorable for the proposed development.

(d) The practicability, popularity and safety of such a trail system can be determined only by the actual construction and use of one section, complete as to both crest trails, lateral trails, and shelter huts.

(e) The project should be undertaken by the appropriate public agency for the benefit of the general public.

Mr. Youngberg, representing the San Francisco Bay Chapter, Mr. Merrill, the Southern California Chapter, and Mr. Lewis, the Loma Prieta Chapter, gave brief reports on their respective activities, and a written report from Miss Rowlands, chairman of the Riverside Chapter, was read.

Mr. Burnett, of the U. S. Forest Service, presented for consideration the matter of the "Sierra Way," a proposed scenic highway to run north and south from Mount Shasta to Bakersfield, along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. This highway would use existing roads where possible, constructing connecting links where necessary. Mr. Burnett stated that such a scenic highway would be of value to the state in the attraction of motorists, and that a through route would tend to eliminate the necessity for certain road construction in the future, and in addition it would be of value in the development, administration, and protection of the national forests. Mr. Burnett was thanked for his courtesy in bringing this project to the attention of the Sierra Club and the Executive Committee was instructed to give it intensive study and to prepare a report thereon.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, that the Sierra Club favors the creation of the Mount Olympus National Park, in the State of Washington, substantially as provided in the bill now pending before Congress, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, and to each of California's representatives in Congress.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas, it was the urgent wish of John Muir, one of the founders of the Sierra Club, that the Kings River Canyon and the surrounding high mountain area on the South and Middle forks of the Kings River be made a national park, and whereas for thirty years last past the Sierra Club has consistently advocated the creation of such national park, it is resolved that the Sierra Club hereby urgently recommends passage of the bill now pending before Congress providing for the Kings Canyon National Park, and that copies of this resolution be sent to each of the members of Congress representing the State of California and to the Honorable Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Adams reported that the Yosemite Wildflower Festival and Conservation Forum, having for its purpose the co-ordination of California conservation activities, would be held June 6 to 9 in Yosemite Valley, in conjunction with the Pacific Crest Trail Conference sponsored by Mr. Clinton C. Clarke and the Sierra Club. A motion was passed that the directors lend their support to these conferences.

Endorsement was given to the stand of the National Park Service in encouraging the participation of individuals in winter sports in the national parks rather than the sponsoring of spectacular stunts.

A resolution was adopted expressing the appreciation of the Sierra Club for the courtesies extended

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to various Sierra Club members visiting in Mexico by members of the Club de Exploraciones de Mexico, and extending Sierra Club privileges to members of that Club visiting in California.

A resolution was adopted congratulating Dr. William H. Wright, for many years a director of the Sierra Club, upon his appointment as director of the Lick Observatory of the University of California, at Mount Hamilton.

Mr. Bernays was authorized to represent the Sierra Club at the dedication of the Generals Highway connecting General Grant National Park with the Giant Forest in Sequoia National Park, to be held in June.

The Executive Committee was empowered to select an official delegate from the Sierra Club, and pay his traveling expenses, to attend the Fourth Annual Convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs to be held August 31, September 1-2, 1935, in the Three Sisters area in the Cascade National Forest. The Obsidians of Eugene, Oregon, will be hosts to the Convention at their cabin. Other members of the Sierra Club are invited to attend.

A motion was passed that the expedition to Mount Waddington, an unclimbed peak in British Columbia, to take place in June, 1935, under the leadership of Bestor Robinson, be considered as undertaken under the auspices of the Sierra Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

WM. E. COLBY, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 1935-36

The following committees have been appointed:

Owing Committee—William E. Colby (chairman), Ansel Adams, Francis D. Tappan.

Editorial Board—Francis P. Farquhar (chairman), Ansel Adams, David R. Brower, Leland Curtis, Walter L. Huber, Richard M. Leonard, François E. Matthes, Marion R. Parsons, Elmo A. Robinson.

Lodge Committee—Lewis F. Clark (chairman), Ansel Adams, F. E. Baldauf, Joel H. Hildebrand, Peter J. Van Oosting.

Mountain Records Committee—Richard M. Leonard (chairman), Arthur H. Blake, David R. Brower, Lewis F. Clark, Leland Curtis, Jules Eichorn, Marjory Farquhar, Arthur B. Johnson, Richard M. Jones, Oliver Kehrlein, Helen LeConte, Kenneth May, Walter A. Starr, Louis Turner.

Glacier Study Committee—Oliver Kehrlein (chairman), Eliot Blackwelder, S. H. Edwards, Ansel F. Hall, C. A. Harwell, Thomas M. Hunt, François E. Matthes.

Nomenclature Committee—Chester Versteeg (chairman), Norman Clyde, Francis P. Farquhar.

Motion Picture Collection Committee—Nathan C. Clark (chairman), Donald de Fremery, E. A. Mayers, Charles E. Townsend, F. C. Youngberg.

Winter Sports Committee—Bestor Robinson (chairman), Charles S. Bacon, Jr., Franklin J. Banker, Horace H. Breed, D. Raymond Brothers, Lewis F. Clark, Nathan C. Clark, Leland Curtis, Donald de Fremery, Marjory Farquhar, Joel H. Hildebrand, Richard M. Jones, Oliver Kehrlein, Lester La Velle, Einar Nilsson, Harold L. Paige, W. D. Patterson, Wendell T. Robie, Louis Turner, Tyler R. Van Degrift, Philip H. von Lubken, R. Clifford Youngquist.

Clair Tappan Lodge Committee—Lewis F. Clark (chairman), Harry Hartman, Louise Hildebrand, Elizabeth B. Meacham, Violet Neuenburg, Einar Nilsson, Harold L. Paige, Bestor Robinson, J. C. Staudinger, Loren B. Taber, Don M. Woods.

Sierra Club Folklore Committee—Irma Weill (chairman), Maren Aune, Phil S. Bernays, Virginie de Fremery, May Dornin, Frederick Peake, George C. Thompson.

Room Committee—Ansel Adams (chairman), Lewis F. Clark, Ruth R. Currier, Marjory Dickieson, E. T. Spencer.

Library Committee—Louis N. Rice (chairman), Doris Asplund, D. Raymond Brothers, May Dornin, Kenneth May, Eliot B. Moses, Lee L. Stopple.

SIERRA CLUB FOLKLORE

The Sierra Club Folklore Committee announces that the winner of the cover design contest is Marjory Dickieson. The cover is now being made by another member, Joseph Plompen, a master craftsman trained in Europe, and will soon be on display at the Club Rooms. The design contributed by Bessie M. Woodus will be used in its original form as frontispiece for the book, and a very beautiful frontispiece it is. Another design, submitted by Malcolm Smith, will be used as title page for 1901, the

year of the first Sierra Club Outing. Other designs, pen and ink sketches, preferably humorous in nature, are solicited as title pages for the subsequent years.

The Committee wishes to put in a call for other contributions: (1) Further material for the collection. Much of this, particularly for the earlier years, must be secured soon or it will be permanently lost. (2) Various versions of Judge Tappaan's stories. We have one version, illustrated with clever drawings, but as the stories changed from year to year, other versions are earnestly requested. (3) Photographs illustrating special costumes, camp scenes or notable events. We have photographs illustrating a Floradora Sextette in 1902. (4) Volunteer typists and stenographers. The material must all be typed on uniform paper; old members have offered to give their reminiscences orally if we can furnish stenographers. Please notify any member of the Committee if you can help.

IRMA WEILL, *Chairman.*

A NOTE FROM THE MOUNTAINEERS

Seattle, Washington, May 15, 1935.

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

The Mountaineers are deeply grateful to you for your expression of sympathy regarding the loss of our beloved friend and president, Edmond S. Meany. Your loss in recent years of your own John Muir gives you a rare understanding of what our great loss means to us.

Your own courage in the continued development of the Sierra Club will help us to strive for a continued and ever expanding mountaineer service to the Pacific Northwest.

Very sincerely yours,

ELVIN P. CARNEY, *Vice-President.*

ADDITIONS TO THE CLUB LIBRARY

The following books have recently been received as additions to the Sierra Club Library. Reviews will appear in the magazine number next winter.

A Manual of Southern California Botany. By Philip A. Munz. Claremont Colleges. J. W. Stacey, Inc., San Francisco, distributor. 1935. Price \$5.00.

Angling Success. By Leading Outdoor Writers. Edited by Mortimer Norton. The Macmillan Company. 1935. Price \$2.50.

Where The Clouds Can Go. The Autobiography of Conrad Kain. Edited by J. Monroe Thorington. The American Alpine Club. 1935. Price \$3.00

CUSTODIANS AT CLUB LODGES

At four of the Club's lodges this summer resident custodians are in charge. F. C. Holman, at the LeConte Memorial Lodge in Yosemite Valley; Albert G. Duhme, at the Parsons Lodge in Tuolumne Meadows; Morgan Harris, at the Shasta Alpine Lodge at Horse Camp; J. C. Staudinger, at the Clair Tappaan Lodge at Norden.

Morgan Harris takes the place of J. M. Olberman whose health this season does not permit him to serve as he has done for the preceding twelve years. The Shasta Lodge, primarily a shelter for climbers, is open free of charge to the general public. The custodian will serve meals at nominal rates.

In Tuolumne Meadows public camping is now on the south side of the river, but Club members are welcome to camp on the Soda Springs property and use the shelter of the Parsons Lodge. Camp sites should be well back from the river.

The vicinity of the Clair Tappaan Lodge, on U. S. 40, one mile west of Donner summit, is delightful in summer as well as during the snow season. Summer rates are in effect and Club members and guests will find the lodge and camp-ground in the firs a pleasant place to stay or to drop in on their way to Tahoe.

LEWIS F. CLARK, *Chairman of the Lodge Committee.*

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